

WestRock Family News

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2020 Motto:

“Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!”

Family Federation News

WORLD

- **True Mother:** (As far as I know, she is still in Hawaii).
- Next Ahn Shi Il is on Friday, Feb 13

AMERICA

- Visit www.familyfed.org for the latest messages from Dr Kim and Dr Balcomb. (WEEKLY UPDATE- Feb 6).

NY DISTRICT

Kim Berry, our beloved sister in Red Hook, passed away on Tuesday, Feb 10. She has been fighting cancer for years. Watch your emails for the Seong Hwa announcement.

WESTROCK

This coming Sunday (Feb. 15) Dr Ki Hoon Kim will be giving our sermon.

Recent Sermons

This past week (Sun Feb 8) Paul Yasutaki gave a sermon/testimony at Belvedere – to celebrate the 40 year anniversary of the 1800 Couples Blessing

Paul's sermon: <http://vimeo.com/119266037>

Also two additional testimonies by 1800 Couple Representatives were offered:

Michael Kiely at <http://vimeo.com/119274882>

Nanette Doroski at <http://vimeo.com/119278146>

You can also view our Sunday Service, Feb 1, which was a community small group style service. Justin gives a brief message, and reports are given from each of the group facilitators.

<http://vimeo.com/119271939>

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Pastor's Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Greetings!

I was especially inspired to see the weekly update from Dr Balcomb this week (Feb 6). Dr Kim shares and there are some inspiring testimonies from witnessing in Hawaii.

I am really grateful to True Mother for encouraging us to witness. Whenever I go witnessing or when I teach the Divine Principle, I always experience a sense of closeness with our Heavenly Parent.

On Saturday, Feb 7, the NY District Council, (local pastors and representatives of the local councils from throughout the NY District), came together for a meeting. It was good to see everyone. Sadly, Rev Esteban Galvan could not make it. He is in the hospital receiving treatment for a rare virus. (The good news is that they finally discovered what it was – and are now giving him the correct treatment. I had the chance to visit him and he should be home in a few days).

At the council meeting several points were presented–

The re-start of the Brooklyn church (with Pastor Daryl Clarke), and the Harlem Church (with Pastor Juanita Pierre-Louis and her husband Edner).

Tribal Messiahship: I encouraged all leaders and members to make a list of family, friends, and contacts – and to organize them in a binder BEFORE HEAVENLY PARENTS DAY, MARCH 3. and to reach out to at least 3 of them in a meaningful way.

The Holy Days are coming soon: Heavenly Parents Day (Feb 19) and TP birthday (Feb 24), Foundation Day and the Blessing on March 2 (March 3 in Korea). Each local church should prepare.

The local Blessing will take place at 43rd street – to attend that you need an invitation.

Noah Ross, our representative on the National FFWPU Council gave a brief report.

Noah is also on the Camp Sunrise board and gave a report from their recent meetings. Things are looking good for Camp Sunrise this year! Be sure to plan on sending your kids!

There will be a Dinner/Dance fund-raiser for our Youth Ministry on March 14. The money raised will help kids who can't afford it to attend Camp Sunrise this summer.)Please save the date.

Chad Hoover (on the UTS Board) gave a report on the situation with UTS in Barrytown and the Barrytown College: Dr Spurgin is the new president. A lot of financial issues need to be worked out. Let's pray that their efforts will be successful.

Dorit Smith is resigning from her position as community leader in Orange County. I learned that they have sold the Horse Farm and she may be moving to Pennsylvania.

Finally, as Cheon Il Guk has begun, let's keep a united spirit with our True Father and True Mother, whose victory established the eternal position of True Parents. Let's rejoice in the Blessing they have given us which entitles us to call God our Heavenly Parent. And, let's live our lives as is befitting the true children of our Heavenly Parent and work together to expand Cheon Il Guk.

God Bless You!
Andy Compton

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Blessing & Family Ministry Corner

Marriage Blessing: March 3, 2015!

Blessing Travel Grant: True Mother has encouraged couples to make every effort to attend the main Blessing Ceremony in Korea. To make the trip more affordable the National BFM will be offering a special Korea Travel Grant. Check the national BFM website soon for more information:

bfm@familyfed.org

Developing a Committee for Our Local Blessing: The Blessing in NY will take place at 43rd Street. If you have questions or would like to help with the preparations, send an email to Debby at debbygullery@yahoo.com, or to Andy Compton at comptonfamily@yahoo.com

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Humor for the Week

Following Your Dream

Bumping into an old girlfriend, I invited her for coffee and told her that I had given up accounting to take up writing.

"That's terrific!" she said, "I really admire a person who follows their dream. Tell me,

have you sold anything?"

"Sure have," I replied. "My house, my car, all my stocks and bonds...."

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Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Announcements

Community

Pledge service for Heavenly Parent's Day, Feb 19: Will take place at East Garden. Please arrive at 7:30 am. Service begins at 8:00 am

Sunday Service To Celebrate Heavenly Parents Day and True Parents Birthday: Sunday Feb 22 at East Garden, 10 am.

Yearly Fundraiser to Support our Youth: Dinner and Dance, March 14 (SAVE THE DATE)

Outreach

ACLC Prayer Breakfast in Yonkers: Saturday, Feb 21, \$15 per person, Buffet breakfast will be served. Speaker: Rev Dr Johnny Ray Youngblood. Location: Castle Royal, 92 Waverly St., Yonkers NY 10701

Divine Principle 1-Day Seminar: Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the White House, (call Rev Compton to check on the time. It may begin late due to the Seong Hwa for Kim Barry in Barrytown) \$20. Workshop fee

Monday Night Divine Principle Study at the White House: 7:30 pm.

Other

Dance & Yoga after Sunday Service today.

Prayer

Nari Miller successfully received her first infusions of chemotherapy and immunotherapy! She is fighting stage 4 terminal breast cancer. Please pray for her strength and health. She has 2 young children and is now living in Princeton, NJ. Her chemo treatment began Monday, Jan19. Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/supportfornarihanmiller/> has more information.

Jiau-Lan Weinstein – is fighting Lung Cancer. Her condition has grown worse. Ken Weinstein would like to send his daughter to visit her mother in Taiwan. If you would like to donate to help, he has a **go-fund me** account on his Facebook page.

Make it a Great Week!

Ahn Shi Il is Friday, Feb 13